IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § § Richard E. Waitkus, Jr. Group Art No. 2857 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Serial No.: 10/774,240 Examiner: Tung S. Lau Filed: **February 6, 2004 Systems and Methods for Material** § For: § Management Atty Docket No.: 016093.0118

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Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections to the claims and the objections to the Application. Applicant further requests consideration of the enclosed Pre-Appeal Brief.

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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed February 27, 2007finally rejecting Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-32.

Applicant further requests pre-appeal review of this case and has enclosed a Pre-Appeal brief.

This application is filed on behalf of a small entity.

Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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